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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**MATTHEW S. GILL, ANDERS OLSEN, and  
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Application No.: **unassigned**

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For: **AUTOMATED METHOD FOR HIGH  
THROUGHPUT SCREENING OF  
NEMATODES**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is a §371 National Phase filing of PCT/US03/32066. Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the above-cited application.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.